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What you need to know about Law Day and its theme this year: the 14th Amendment.

Opening Statements

Rise in racism sparks action from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association and others.

- A new film campaign works to educate the public and inspire action to change the money bail system.
- Ten questions for entertainment lawyer Julian Petty, who represents some of the biggest names in rap and hip-hop music, including the estate of the Notorious B.I.G.
- Supreme Court advocates share the significance of their quill pens.
- Landmark court case Loving v. Virginia gains renewed 14 significance on the big screen.
- Short takes and fast facts on the law. / Cartoon of the 15 month: See last month's contest winner, and craft a caption for the current cartoon.

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NATIONAL PULSE The Supreme Court considers a trio of cases that could impact a slew of important free speech principles.

- NATIONAL PULSE Is it possible to be too stoned to drive? The question is trickier to answer than you'd think.
- SUPREME COURT REPORT Court to decide whether a church is entitled to state aid and whether exclusion of that aid violates the First and 14th amendments.

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STORYTELLING How Bob Dylan, the most-cited songwriter in judicial rulings, brought complex poetry to court opinions.

- ETHICS Why lawyers should tread carefully before calling it quits with a troublesome client.
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- PROFILE Philip Hirschkop's drive for equality has led him to take on cases about interracial marriage, animal rights and more.



- Your ABA/Midyear Meeting Report 60 House of Delegates urges withdrawal of travel ban.
- ABA President Linda Klein says independence of the judiciary "is not up for negotiation."
- House votes against a proposal to tighten bar-passage rate standards for accredited law schools.
- ABA groups build a rapid-response website to address new 65 immigration order, support pro bono efforts.
- President-elect candidate Robert Carlson cites the association's value to "Main Street lawyers."
- Task force: Better policing will improve trust in the criminal 67 justice system.
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- Board of Governors approves a proposal for the creation of the Commission on the Future of Legal Education.

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